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SUBJECT: CSTA VISIT-STATUS REPORT

1. CHINA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION DELEGATION (CSTA) ARRIVED WASHINGTON SEPT. 25, ATTENDED A DINNER GIVEN IN ITS HONOR BY THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION (CSC) ON SEPT. 26, PAID A CALL ON PRESIDENT MORNING OF SEPT 27, AND HELD A RETURN RECEPTION AT PRCLO THAT EVENING.

2. DISCUSSIONS ON 1976 PROGRAM WERE HELD SEPT 27 AT WHICH CSTA SURFACED LIST OF DELEGATIONS WHICH PRC PLANS TO SEND TO US. THESE INCLUDE:

A. IMMUNOLOGY (THIS GROUP AGREED UPON FOR 1975, BUT POSTPONED, AT PRC REQUEST UNTIL 1976)

B. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

C. ASTRONOMY

D. SEISMOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

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E. IRON ORE MINING TECHNOLOGY

F. EXPLORATION, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF NATURAL GAS

G. AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION

H. FRUIT TREES

3. CSC AT MEETING MADE PITCH FOR EXPANDED AND ENRICHED EXCHANGES AS OUTLINED IN THEIR PAPER, WHICH WAS SENT TO PEKING UNDER COVER OF RICHARDSON-BUSH LETTER OF AUGUST

11. CHINESE REACTED POSITIVELY TO SOME OF PROPOSALS, BUT ALWAYS WITH CAVEAT. FOR EXAMPLE, CSC INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING FOLLOW-UP RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS WHO HAD MET EACH OTHER ON SURVEY TOURS. CHOU PEI-YUAN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, BUT THAT EACH CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE SEPERATELY CONSIDERED AND THAT SPECIALISTS IN PRC WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED. CHOU AGREED THAT LONGER STAYS AT FEWER INSTITUTIONS MAY BE DESIRABLE IN SOME VISITS AND NOTED THAT THIS IS CASE WITH US SOLID STATE PHYSICS DELEGATION PRESENTLY IN PRC. WHEN ASKED ABOUT VISITS IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, CHOU SAID THAT CSTA HAS DIFFICULTIES IN RECEIVING SUCH DELEGATIONS.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING CHOU NOTED THAT COMMENTS WHICH CSTA DELEGATION MAKES ON THE 1976 PROGRAM ARE PRELIMINARY AND THAT FINAL DECISION ON SHAPE OF EXCHANGES WILL BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING TRIP TO THE PRC.

5. CSC IS PLEASED WITH VISIT, AT LEAST AT THIS INITIAL STAGE, PARTICULARLY WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH CSTA LEADERSHIP. CSC HOPES FOR FURTHER INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS DURING GROUP'S TRAVELS, WITH WRAP-UP SESSION JUST BEFORE ITS DEPARTURE OCT. 26. INGERSOLL

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